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Dear Sir:

The article by F. Giroire, A. Nucci, N. Taft, C. Diot, Increasing the Robustness of IP Backbones in the Absence of Optical Level Protection, Sprint Advanced Technology Labs, Burlingame, CA was mistakenly submitted as prior art on October 14, 2003. Applicants submit that the article should not have been submitted as prior art and that the article was not published. Furthermore, the article should not be considered as prior art because it does not list a publication date. Applicants apologize for any inconvenience.

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